



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: Ryuzo HOSOTANI et al  
For: PROCESS FOR FORMING AGGREGATES OF  
HYDROPHOBIC GROUP-CONTAINING POLYSACCHARIDE  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2002,  
Applicants respectfully request entry of the following  
amendments:

**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Please replace the Abstract with the new Abstract of the  
Disclosure enclosed herewith. A marked-up copy is also  
enclosed.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Specification as follows. A marked-up  
copy of the amended paragraphs is also enclosed.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 1,  
line 1, and ending on page 6, line 20, with the following  
rewritten paragraphs.

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